The Chief Secretary was saying that the present Director of Information was getting, even before he was appointed as Director of Information here, more or less the same salary that he is now getting. May I know the source of the information ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The officer himself.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : Has he submitted any records to prove his statement ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I know whether the post was advertised and applications invited ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know where or when the present incumbent informed the Government about his previous salary in the Madras Mail Office ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr N Kunjan Pillai: In his application.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know the exact figure that he has given in the application?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I do not remember the exact figure. The application is not now before me, but as far as I remember the amount mentioned therein is about the same as is being paid to him now.

The Director of Information.

15. ***Mr. M. S. Anirudhan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the functions and duties of the Director of Information ;

(*b*) the academic qualifications of the present Director of Information ; and

(*c*) the past experience, if any, of the Director of Information ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) The Director of Information serves as a link between Government and the Press. He is the channel through which official information is normally given to the Public Press and the trend of public opinion as reflected in the Public Press is reported to Government. He is to issue communiques, press notes, etc., about Government activities and also correct any false information which may appear in the Press. He is entrusted with correspondence relating to newspapers under the Newspapers Regulation and the Copyright Regulation. An important part of his work is to try and secure adequate publicity for the State in India and abroad.

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The Director of Information will also control and direct the activities of the Government Photographic Department.

(*b*) He is an under-graduate.

(*c*) He has had considerable experience in the field of journalism. He has served on the editorial staff of several leading newspapers and news agencies.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 4.**

Statement, by community, of Sub-Registrars
(as it stands on 26-3-1113.)

A.	*Hindu.*			*47*
	(1) Brahmin	...	10	
	(2) Nayar	...	24	
	(3) Kammala	...	Nil.	
	(4) Nadar	...	Nil.	
	(5) Ezhava	...	4	
	(6) Cheramar (Pulaya)	...	Nil.	
	(7) Other Hindu	...	9	
B.	*Muslim.*	...	*3*	*3*
C.	*Christian.*			*25*
	(1) Jacobite	..	10	
	(2) Marthoma	...	6	
	(3) Syriac Catholic	...	3	
	(4) Latin Catholic	...	1	
	(5) South India United Church.		2	
	(6) Other Christians	...	3	

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